

What is the reason for this project?

The project will improve the safety of this intersection. The Huon Highway - Summerleas Road intersection has a history of crashes, mostly from right-turn movements and cross-highway traffic on Summerleas Road. The upgrade of this intersection will provide a safer road for all road users and reduce traffic delays in the area.

What will the project involve?

The design includes a grade separated intersection (put simply, a road over another road) with Summerleas Road passing under the Huon Highway. Roundabouts will be provided either side of the highway to efficiently and safely control the intersections between Summerleas Road and the Huon Highway on / off ramps. The design also includes a passing lane on the Huon Highway for traffic travelling towards the Huon Valley. This lane will begin immediately north of the Kingston interchange.

Why this design?

Analysis of crash data and traffic volumes determined that a grade separated intersection would provide the safest option for road users. The slope of the land in this area means that Summerleas Road has to pass under, rather than over, the Huon Highway. Roundabouts will provide safe turning movements between Summerleas Road and the Highway on / off ramps. The footprint of this design minimises any impact on surrounding properties and accesses.

How long will the upgrade take?

Construction works will commence in early 2017 and are expected to be completed by April 2018.

Will there be some construction noise?

As with any construction project – there will be some general construction noise to create a significantly upgraded intersection. Adjacent residents will be notified in advance of any night works with excessive noise at night to cease by 10pm.

What is happening to bus-stops and informal parking facilities during construction?

The two existing bus-stops adjacent to the highway will be relocated 1km north of the intersection, near the existing pedestrian underpass linking Willowbend Road and Campbell Street. This is a much safer location for pedestrians than in the vicinity of the intersection. These stops will include walkways and access to the existing pedestrian underpass.

The informal parking currently occurring at the intersection will cease as from 15 January 2017. The large parking facility near the Kingborough Sports Centre provides a convenient and safe alternative.

How will users of this intersection be affected during construction?

Construction will be staged and traffic managed to reduce impacts on traffic flow, nearby residents and properties.

Travel along Summerleas Road and the Huon Highway will be maintained at all times with appropriate traffic management and construction methods. The speed will be reduced in the area while under construction. The general public and affected landowners will be notified of proposed delays or detours. Priority will be given to keeping bus movements functional during construction, especially at peak times.

All relevant stakeholders will be informed before major construction works start and at key milestones throughout the project. Project information flyers will be delivered to properties close to the intersection and key businesses, schools and sporting facilities in the area.

How will access to nearby properties and facilities be affected?

Access to residences, Kingston High School, Southern Lights Hotel, Kingston Cemetery and the sports facilities will be maintained. There may be short periods where access may be affected, but this will only be for short periods of time, and in consultation with the property owner. Pedestrian access especially for Kingston High School and sports facilities will be provided.

Who do I contact for further information?

Construction queries: 0427 718 375

Project design queries: 1800 753 878

Scan this QR code
with your smartphone
to access the project
webpage

